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report which gives some
general information on Communist personalities, country of manufacture
of machinery, number of employees, working hours and pay rates at the
Ganz Electrical Equipment Factory (Ganz Kapcsolok es Keszulekek Gyara),
Kobanyai ut 41c, Budapest. The report also gives some information on
events in the October/November 1956 Hungarian revolt
All the information predates the Hungarian
revolt.

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In 1950 the firm was nationalized and the whole group of directors were dismissed. Everything was impounded and the whole factory inventory, including the large machines, was loaded on large trucks and taken to the Ganz Kapcsolok és Készülék^{ek} a large factory where the other nationalized bakelite factories were also put. This is located at Köbányai út 41 c, Budapest X. Director of this factory is Gyula Gulyas. [redacted]

[redacted] Janos Dias [redacted]

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Also connected with this factory was a certain Szucs, [redacted]

Connected to the factory as the official AVH man was a certain Sandor Fischer, [redacted]

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[redacted]
the manufacture of tools and electrical apparatus. In this manufacture, all articles got a stamp which showed that the article in question was made in Russia. This was even given on the packing. A lot of exporting was done. ~~SECRET~~ 25X1

[redacted]
It also happened that tools were copied. [redacted]

[redacted] The Central Planning Bureau decided this. They worked in this factory with machines, which, as it said, were made in Russia. [redacted]

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[redacted] They were usually modern machines. About 1200 people were working at the factory. [redacted]

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[redacted] The personnel were made up half of women who chiefly worked on the automatic machines. Many articles which were exported were returned after a course of time because they were good for nothing. This sometimes amounted to 90%.

Because production had to be constantly increased, the quality of the article became worse. To combat this evil, a law was promulgated that no flimsy or unsound work was to be produced. This hardly helped in practice. Everyone had to turn in a certain amount of work. If a person did not meet the norm, he got less pay in proportion. The official work time was 8 hours a day. In reality, they worked from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. They had to do this in order to earn enough to live on. Among other things, an extra bonus was set up for well turned out articles of work. [redacted]

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[redacted] there were any plans for an uprising against the government. [redacted] the workers were dissatisfied but no one talked of a revolution. [redacted]

On 22 Oct. 1956, students all over the city had tacked up posters on which certain demands were made to the government. These were posted even in the factory [redacted] mostly by boys of 10 years or younger who appeared very boldly and even threatened the guards at the factory not to take them down. There were various demonstrations in the evening in the city and the crowd was fired upon. [redacted] the crowd fired back and even fought with knives.

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[redacted] AVH men transporting arms in Red Cross cars. [redacted] the rebels slashed the tires of these cars so they couldn't go any further and then the cars were captured. They then found out that these cars were loaded full of machine guns. [redacted]

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They originally tried to capture the munitions storage place in Godollo, which was heavily guarded by the Russians. The Russian commander in the attack threatened to blow up the whole thing. In order to spare the neighborhood from a disaster, they rebels called off the attack. This storage place was the largest in Hungary, and among other things, contained the Russian Bacilus Segyvereh guns. [redacted] the whole supply of munitions came to about 70,000 trucks (vans, railway cars).

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[redacted] on 23 Oct. [redacted] surrounded with about 50 other rebels by the AVH in pantzer cars [redacted] The following day this group was brought by 7 AVH men to the AVH barracks at Robert Karoly Korut. Because the guard was too small for the whole troop, at an agreed sign, they succeeded in suddenly overpowering the guard and escaping. In this, however, several rebels were shot to death by the AVH. [redacted] On 25 Oct. the AVH building on Erzebet utca was captured.

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During the resistance, [redacted] Russian tanks fire on each other by mistake since from nervousness, they mistook each other for rebels. In this, several tanks were put out of combat. In the Ujpest district [redacted] the Russians lodged there exchanged 2 tanks with the rebels for a half a pig. In general, the Russian soldiers got little to eat because then they would fight better. In a school, where the soldiers were lodged, the pig was allegedly eaten up. Several other soldiers were asked to participate. These were housed in homes and buildings near the school. Because of the great uproar, they couldn't call to them, so the soldiers who were in the school fired a couple of shots through the window to attract their attention. However, this was a catastrophe, for the other soldiers thought they were

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being fired on from the school and fired back so that there was a great deal of firing in which several Russians were killed. [redacted] the Russian tanks were grouped mainly in the places (squares?) Eztergom, Hatvan and Kiskanhalos.

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Fighting went on until 26 Nov. [redacted]

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[redacted] In the

Russian tank attack, 2 floors of the factory were destroyed. [redacted]
it will take along time before they can get back to the original production.
[redacted] rebels fought chiefly at the West station.

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